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Four bearded doctors sitting 'round the Each with a different shake to his head. Three big diseases waiting to destroy, All bearing latin names as long as the boy.

Two undertakers, gratitude in eye, Bend low to the doctors as they pass 'em by. One little funeral in the graveyard score. One little smeker less—one angel more.

Two Meetings. Ah! 'twas a glorious Autumn-night, Full fifteen years ago, The meon and stars were shining bright. Bathing the hills in mystic light. When, robed in garb of snowy-white, My Ethel met me in the hall, Responsive to my pleading call

Now, what did I, or what did she,
The world shall never know;
Not e'en the moon or stars could see;
Of all the world most happy we;
O 'twas an hour of ecstasy!
We pledged our loves, and lives, and all,
When Ethel met me in the hall.

Ah! well, we met again last night
('Twas rather late, I trow);
Somehow I didn't feel just right
(I may have been a little tight)
When, clad in nightly robe of white,
My Ethel met me in the hall And braced me up against the wall

Now, what did I, or what did she, I'm not prepared to show; It may suffice to state that we Had quite a little jubilee;
And I may add (twixt you and me)
It is with pain that I recall
How Ethel met me in the ball. -[Denver Tribune.

### FROM REAL LIFE.

They stood gazing into the grate fire in the boarding-house parlor; he leaning upon the old-fashioned mantel, she supporting herself a few feet away upon a large arm-chair. The soom had a barren, lonely air; the carpet was a deep, comfortable Brussels, but the chairs and sofas were placed primly, and, though the few oil-paintings were really well executed, they were hung too high. The piano was out of tune, and, alto-gether, the place seemed unfriendly. But the two who stood there in silence on that chill November evening, were of interesting appearance. He was a handsome man of medium height, firm build, and fair complexion; she, little more than a girl in her

teens, slight, lithe, dark-eyed and the throat. They stood thus for some moments; then the girl sighed faintly, and her companion raised his face from the fire and looked at her with a curious expression of mingled tenderness and

regret. Her own countenance showed we must part!"
"Hush!" she cried

some one were coming; and they listened, but all was still. Having nothing to say, she made no

They had the parlor quite to themselves. The majority of the boarders were sober, married people, who at once after dinner retired to their own apartments.

"This is my last night," said Harris, after a pause; "shall we not take one last walk together?" "If you choose," she replied list-lissly, then turned and went to her

room for her wraps.

He understood this and did the same for himself, so that he awaited jacket and fur hat. She had no power to resist. Poor, pretty Delilah Saunders—Mrs. Delilah Saunders—
well for you that Power II.

nonorable man! When they had left the house, he drew her arm within his own, and said for the third time in the past half

"My last night here!" "And we shall never meet again," the girl said slowly. "Never!"

realize its significance. "But you will not forget me?" "I will not forget you.

"We have had a very pleasant friendship.' "Yes. Tell me about your journey," she said, as if she would fain change the subject.

"Well, I first take a long trip by rail to Grand Haven, where I shall meet my family; then we take the steamer for Chicago, and go on thence by rail to the west."

it. It seemed to her that he had said someting about starting for the east on business, and that she might expect him at any hour almost after the letter's arrival.

But it mattered little to her; she mains home for interment. And so Delliah Saunders passed out of the great gray boarding house, more his in her coffin, than if her own feet had borne her.

'my family." "Are you cold?" he asked sud-"Yes, I am cold-I think-we had

-better-go back!" They turned back to the great gray boarding house. At the door he took her hand held it tightly. "I leave at eight in the morning;

"Good-by," Defilah said faintly.

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He drew her into his arms.

"Fate has been hard to us; don't you think so? Ah, well! We might have been happy. Poor little gir!!

Here I am goir goff for months to the west! When I come back you will be gone! Ah. well!"

gone! Ah, well!" He kissed her once tenderly, gently, without passion, and let her go. But

would not strive to excuse herself.

That was all; he opened the door with his latch-key, and they entered as though nothing had occurred, and sought their respective apartments.

Harris busied himself with last preparations for his journey, and thus in parations for his journey, and thus, in a measure, managed to divert his thoughts. Occasionally, however, an

expression of deep gloom darkened his fine face, and he sighed regret-Delilah, on the other hand, climbed the many stairs without a pause, opened her room door, and threw herself, rather than stepped, inside. She turned the gas as high as possible, "WINE OF CARDUI" makes rony looked the door, and gave way to an utter abandonment. The poor young creature sobbed pitifully; great tears

"And yet I have not been so utterly to blame," she said to her accusing conscience. "Why did the man who, two short years ago, promised to cherish and protect me—why did he let me come off into this strange city! I don't know. Why did he chill my heart with unloving words and actions before I came away? Why did he write me unloving letters? Why did God send me away from my husband to a strange city, where I only dream. "I saw the light under your door, and remembering you were not down." to a strange city, where I only dreamed of preparing myself for a good, to dinner, thought I would inquire if useful life, to find such utter misery you were ill." and desolation? I have neglected my work-I cannot touch my tools again! What is the use of my pretending to study? Why did not God give me a husband I could always have loved and respected? Did not He kncw how little I knew?"

"I have a severe cold, and there are neuralgic pains in my face. I daresay they will soon leave me."

"Oh, indeed! I am very sorry. Cannot I do something for you? Would

Then, growing quieter, she reviewed her experience of the past two months. She remen bered how she had come to leave her western home to study art "Well, good-night; I am sorry you and receive instruction in the great are ill. city—such instruction as could not be Delilah once more fastened the found elsewhere, for her's was an un- door, and stood thinking and staring common sort of talent. She remembered how distasteful her life at home the mirror. had grown; how her husband had conducted himself.

George Saunders, though by no means a drunkard, was a little too fond of the social glass and of jovial companions. He had spent many could repent and forget all, and be a evenings from home, while poor Deli-lah sat sorrowful alone. She had no heart for social enjoyments; how could she have? At a late hour it had been bered a small bottle of chlorsl which her husband's custom to return, some- was on the shell in her clothes-closet what under the influence of liquor, Some previous occupant had left it profess much affection for his wife, there, but it seemed to have been caress her many times with loud, half-securely sealed. She got it, however, drunken kisses, and become violently and took a small dose, then threw sugry should she shrink from his em-braces, as her nature prompted. herself upon the bed. An hour later she arose and felt her way unsteadily

study of art once more-to go East for | phial again to her lips and tasted its a winter and work hard. "Perhaps," she had sighed, "George will reform by spring; and perhaps if I succeed he will take pride in me and do different-

Saunders having carelessly consent-

and begun work in earnest. Her thoughts now went back even farther than this. She remembered stranger alighted and rang the bell, herself a little child—an only child. which Mrs. French, being in the hall, She remembered her delicate, beauti- answered in person. The new comer ful mother, who played the harp and was a man who might have been sang sweet ballads; her father, a man called handsome; yetthere were traces free from vice of any description- of dissipation in his countenance, if perhaps a trifle worldly in some no-tions, but adoring his beautiful wife It was George Saunders. Mrs. and child. She remembered his voice, French said she would herself show his face, his manner, the little stories him to his wife's room. They climbed he used to tell; how he often said he the stairs quickly, and Saunders pale. Her lovely, gold-brown hair he used to tell; how he often said he stairs quickly, and Saunders somewhat enlivened her otherwise had named his daughter Delilah be-rapped eagerly at the door. There cause it was the name of the cleverest | was no answer from within. melancholy aspect, for she wore a plain black dress, with only white at sired a scriptural name. She remembered how her father would wink at the friends present when he said this, tain, but in somebody else's room, and how her mother would murmur quickly rejeined the landlady.

in gentle deprecation—
"Oh, Robert, how can you?" She remembered how father and her. mother had years since passed away, and she had been consigned to the naught save despair.

"Poor little girl!" said Harris care of a distant connection, who took little interest in her, and allowed her to marry George Saunders before she time fouldly. An uneasy expression hardly knew him. She remembered crept into his face. how George had taken possession of her little fortune, and how she had not dared to ask for money since that time, but had to accept what he chose to give her in his pleasant moments.

ments. She remembered how contented sh had come to be in the pretty little Saunders, sitting in another room, upper chamber at this place. How inthought of whose departure she was white face, the blue about the eyes suffering two-fold agony—the agony of letting him go, and the agony of remorse that she should sin so greatly quiver!

power to resist. Poor, pretty Delilah Saunders—Mrs. Delilah Saunders—Mrs. Delilah Saunders—wife; was it possible that that wife of horror uttered by Mrs. French—honorable man! the cries of the servant—the rush of Some one, it might have been Mrs. other feet-the words of the physi-Balch, a fellow-boarder, had told her ciun called as mere form-"Dead for that Mr. Harris' wife was "not bright;" he had married very young, and had made some great mistake; in the strange faces about him. Was

She pronounced the last word found no rest. When morning came, thoughtfully, as if she could not quite she saw from her window the carriage drive him away to catch the westward bound train; then she went down pale

and dizzy to breakfast. She spent the day in a state of lethargy, almost; nothing seemed to rouse her. A letter came from the husband; she scarcely glanced through it. It seemed to her that he had said mains home for interment. And so

But it mattered little to her; she He had felt her shiver at the words felt that she was now less his wife

> him.
>
> And still another day had slipped by; then she heard something at the breakfast table that sent the blood fated steamer that was lost out in with a bound to her heart. This was Lake Michigan-the 'Arcana!' merely a few words spoken by Phillip Buckley, another boarder, and a clerk in the wholesale house which Harris had gone west to repesent, and also a friend of his. He was speaking to

the lady of the house.
"I heard from Mr. Harris this morning. He telegraphed from Grand Haven. "Then I presume he is safe with

kindly; she was a gentle little English woman, with yellow-white hair.

"I suppose so." law to 2 and 2 and 2 and 2 and 2 and 3 

her own chamber. A drizzling rain began in the after-noon; when night had come the storm sobbed passionately against the little windows

Delilah rose and stood facing herself in the mirror; she drew the drab window shades closer, and listened and shivered as if a voice called to her from out in the night— "Delilah-Delilah!"

of grief and shame coursed down her would not allow those who occupied heeks.

"And yet I have not been so utterthe faintest shadow of a subject for

you were ill."

Dellah hesitated for an excuse, then spoke a little hoarsely—

at the broad blaze of gaslight beside

"How much longer can I endure this?" she asked herself with a moan.

Out of this life she had seemed to see but one escape; to take up her left the bottle. She put the little contents. Then she crept back to the

bed and finally slept. The morning came up bitterly cold; sharp winds had disarranged little patches of snow to which the rain had turned some two hours before, until

ed, Delilah had come to New York, it had grown too cold for even snow.
obtained a pleasant boarding-place, At breakfast Mrs. Saunders' seat was vacant. Not a great while after a carriage rolled up to the door and a

"She is out early," he said a little vexed. "Oh, she is in the house, I am cer-

The chambermaid was coming up the stairs. Mrs. French turned to "Ann, have you been in Mrs. Saunders' room yet?" "No, ma'am; she isn't up, I think."

Saunders rapped once again, this

And so it was all over! Hours later

"God?" he said, "What a meet

hours." He saw looks of curious compassion but he was very good to the simple-minded little thing. It a real whisper, or had it been his fancy that some one said— "He cannot care so much-to let

her come so far away from home, s The house grew very still; he sat and thought to himself, but shed no tears. The door was open a little way, and some one passed by through

"I have heard some sad news," said than if she were lying dead before Philip Buckley to Mrs. French, a A murmer of shocked surprise ran around the table from lip to lip.

"And was not saved? "No one was saved!" "Poor Harris?" said Mr. Balch, slowly. He was a fine fellow!" The eyes of the ladies grew moist with tears. There was a mournful silence, and some one sighed audibly. "Well since his wife and little ones

gravely.

Mr. Buckley took from his lap a
western newspaper, which he offered
western newspaper, which he offered

"Well, they will like say the least."

Belilah could bear no more. In a they?"

"Great friends!" said the other lady,

"Great friends!" said the other lady, with a peculiar emphasis. more at the time, though Mrs. Balch looked wonderingly at her with clear,

honest eyes.

And then some one called attention to the coincidence that Mrs. Saunders had died the very night the "Arcana" went out to meet its doom in the fury Yet she dared not sob or sigh; she of those western waters!

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